(c) Information for the year 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987.88 regarding complaints of non|late delivery of Unregd.|Regd.|Insured parcels and ordinary|Insured VPL| VPPs is enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 103].

Annual Central Plan for 1990-91

1560. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the size of the annual plan of the Centre for 1990-91 has been finalised and approved by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, how much allocations have been made for public and private sector?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Investigations for taking donors blood by Blood Banks

1561. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Government and Private Blood Banks existing in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is essential under the Drugs Act for such banks to make investigations about the Blood Group, Blood Pressure and other diseases of the donors, before taking their blood; if so, the names of diseases about which the investigations are made before taking blood of donors and the number of such blood banks undertaking the prescribed tests;

(c) whether Government are aware that AIDS investigations are not made by any of such blood banks before taking blood from the donors; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure adherence to prescribed tests; and

(e) whether Government propose to declare AIDS TEST essential, before taking blood of donors; if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) As per information available, there are 720 blood banks as under:—

(i) Blood banks attached with Medical Colleges	110
(ii) Blood banks attached to District Hospitals	430
(iii) Blood banks owned by voluntary and charitable institutes.	80
(iv) Commercially owned blood banks	100
	720

(b) Yes, functioning of blood banks is regulated as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Medical examination and Haemoglobin estimation are required to be done before donation to exclude any disease.

After donation, tests for Syphilis Hepatitis B, HIV and Malaria are required to be done. Blood found positive for these diseases are to be discarded. Information regarding the number of blood banks conducting the prescribed tests will be obtained.

(c) A phased programme for screening of HIV for blood donors is being imple-